

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sheathed electric resistive heating element support bracket constructed in accordance with the present invention includes first and second mounting portions interconnected through a transverse web portion. The web portion includes at least one heating element receiving journal and an edge portion along which is arranged a plurality of substantially circular lances. The substantially circular lances define a bore through which a mechanical fastener can pass to secure the bracket in a desired position. In this manner, the mechanical fastener and support bracket collectively serve as an electrical ground and an RF energy shield for the heating element. The heating element is secured into the journal through a snap-fit connection, while a crimping finger is also deformed over a portion of the heating element to fixedly maintain the heating element in the journal.